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To the Transportation Department:

I strongly oppose lowering the interstate truck-driving age to 18. Even teenagers with the best intentions and training do not have the experience, or maturity, to handle some driving problems. When he was 19, our son hydroplaned and totalled the vehicle. He's now 20, and his maturity level continues to increase month by month.

If the industry is having trouble getting drivers over 21, perhaps they should pay them better and give them more time to rest during their trips.

The amount of U.S. truck cargo has increased 40% in the past seven years. That is especially apparent to those of us who drive I-40/85 here in North Carolina. BETTER WAYS TO TRANSPORT CARGO SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCREASED TRUCKING.

Sincerely,



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